

HOUSE MAJORITY WHIP
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THE DAILY WHIPLINE

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:30 a.m. For Morning Hour 12:00 p.m. For Legislative Business Unlimited "One-Minutes" Per Side	Last Vote: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H. Res. 296 – Rule providing for consideration of Senate amendments to H.R. 1388 – Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act (Rep. Matsui – Rules):** The closed rule provides for consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 1388. The rule makes in order a motion by the chair of the Committee on Education and Labor to concur in the Senate amendments. The rule provides for one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Matsui, and consideration will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
- **Senate Amendments to [H.R. 1388 - Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act \(Rep. McCarthy \(NY\) – Education and Labor\)](#):** Pursuant to the rule, general debate on the motion to concur in the Senate amendments will be managed by the Education and Labor Committee Chair Rep. Miller, or his designee. Debate on the motion will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of general debate on the Senate amendments.
 - Vote on motion to concur in the Senate amendments. **Democrats are urged to vote YES.**
- **H. Res. 294 – Rule providing for consideration of H. Res. 279- Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the**

One Hundred Eleventh Congress (Rep. Hastings (FL) – Rules): The closed rule provides one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration. The rule provides for one motion to recommit the bill which may not contain instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. Hastings, and consideration will proceed as follows:

- One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic Motion ordering the previous question.
Democrats are urged to vote yes.
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes.**
- **H. Res. 279 - Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress (Rep. Brady (PA) – House Administration):** Pursuant to the rule, general debate on the bill will be managed by House Administration Committee Chair Rep. Brady. Debate on the bill will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of general debate on the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote YES.**
- **Suspension Bills:** Today, the House will consider several bills on the Suspension calendar. Bills considered on the Suspension calendar are debatable for 40 minutes; may not be amended; and require a two-thirds vote for passage. If a recorded vote is requested, it will be postponed.
 1. **H.Res. 290** - Honoring the lives and mourning the loss of Sergeant Mark Dunakin, Sergeant Ervin Romans, Sergeant Daniel Sakai, and Officer John Hege, Members of the Oakland Police Department in California who were brutally slain in the line of duty (Rep. Lee (CA) – Judiciary)
 2. **H.R. 985** - Free Flow of Information Act of 2009 (Rep. Boucher – Judiciary)
 3. **H.R. 1029** – Alien Smuggling and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2009 (Rep. Hill – Judiciary)
 4. **H.R. 838** - Miami Dade College Land Conveyance Act (Rep. Ros-Lehtinen – Judiciary)
 5. **H.Con.Res. 54** - Permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust (Rep. Waxman – House Administration)

6. [H.R. 151](#) - Daniel Webster Congressional Clerkship Act of 2009 (Rep. Lofgren – House Administration)
 7. [H.R. 1299](#) - Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2009 (Rep. Brady (PA) – House Administration)
- **Postponed Suspension Vote:**
 1. [H.Res. 282](#) - Recognizing the 30th anniversary of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel (Rep. Fortenberry – Foreign Affairs)
 2. [H.R. 1253](#) - Health Insurance Restrictions and Limitations Clarification Act of 2009 (Rep. Burgess - Energy and Commerce)
 3. [H.R. 1259](#) - Dextromethorphan Distribution Act of 2009 (Rep. Upton – Energy and Commerce)
 4. [H.R. 577](#) - Vision Care for Kids Act of 2009 (Rep. Gene Green – Energy and Commerce)

Bill Summary & Key Issues

Senate Amendments to H.R. 1388 - Generations Invigorating Volunteerism and Education Act

Creates 175,000 New Service Opportunities and Rewards Americans for Commitment

- Grows the number of volunteers nationwide to 250,000, up from 75,000. These new service opportunities will include the expansion of existing service programs, like AmeriCorps, as well as four new service corps focused on **education, health care, energy** and **veterans**. All service programs established under the bill will be overseen by the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- Increases the full-time education award service members receive in exchange for their work to \$5,350 for 2010. This award would also be linked to match future increases in the Pell Grant scholarship in order to keep up with rising college costs.

Creates New Service Corps to Meet Key Needs in Low-Income Communities

- Establishes four new service corps to address key needs in low income communities, including a **Clean Energy Corps** to encourage energy efficiency and conservation, an **Education Corps** to help increase student engagement, achievement and graduation, a **Healthy Futures Corps** to improve health care access, and a **Veterans Service Corps** to enhance services for veterans.

Provides Incentives for Middle and High School Students to Engage in Service

- Establishes the Summer of Service program that engages middle and high school students in volunteer activities in their communities and allows them to earn a \$500 education award to be used for college costs. Students will be eligible to participate in two terms of service and earn up to a total of \$1,000.

Makes High School Students Part of Solution to Challenges in their Communities

- Establishes Youth Engagement Zones, a new service-learning program to engage low-income high school students and out-of-school youth in volunteer efforts that address challenges in their local communities. The program will encourage partnerships between community-based organizations and schools in high-need communities and apply real world activities to teach students about a certain topic. For example, volunteering in a homeless shelter could supplement a class about poverty.

Boosts Opportunities for Disadvantaged and Foster Youth and Native Americans

- Expands opportunities for disadvantaged youth, including ***doubling the resources available to engage youth with disabilities***, to become more involved with service and offers people of all ages and those from diverse backgrounds introduction to service.
- ***Encourages adults to serve as mentors for foster youth.***
- ***Establishes a new office for service opportunities for Native Americans.***

Strengthens Disaster Relief Service Efforts

- Expands the focus of the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) to include disaster relief, infrastructure improvement, environmental and energy conservation, and urban and rural development.
- Encourages service partnerships with other federal agencies and increases the participation of disadvantaged youth to 50 percent of program participants by 2011.

Establishes an Alumni Reserve to Respond in Emergencies

- Establishes an alumni corps of former participants who can be called to service during times of disaster and other emergencies.

Bolsters America's Competitiveness

- Encourages scientists, technicians and mathematicians to participate in service programs to help keep our nation competitive.

Expands Service Opportunities for Older Americans and Public-Private Partnerships

- Creates two new fellowships to engage social entrepreneurs, boomers and retirees, the private sector and Americans from all generations into service. ***Older Americans will be allowed to transfer their awards to a child, foster child or grandchild to help them pay for college.***

1. **ServeAmerica Fellowships:** ServeAmerica Fellows are individuals who propose their own plans for serving in their communities to address national needs and are matched up with a service sponsor.
2. **Silver Scholarships and Encore Fellowships:** These programs offer Americans, age 55 or older, post-career service opportunities as well as entrance into new careers in the public or nonprofit sector. ***Silver Scholars will be able to earn up to \$1,000 in exchange for 350 hours of service.***

Creates a nationwide community-based infrastructure to leverage investments in service

- Builds a nationwide service infrastructure through community-building investments, social entrepreneurship, and programs to support and generate new volunteers.
 1. **Community Solutions Fund:** Creates a Community Solutions Fund pilot program that awards competitive matching grants to social entrepreneur venture funds in order to provide community organizations with the resources to replicate or expand proven solutions to community challenges, ***including a new focus on leveraging public private partnerships in small communities and rural areas.*** (Examples of service organizations that were launched by social entrepreneurs include Teach for America, City Year, Citizen Schools, Jump Start, Working Today, an organization that provides affordable, portable health benefits to 100,000 Americans, and the SEED school, the nation's first public urban boarding school.)
 2. **Volunteer Generation Fund:** Provides grants to improve the quality and capacity of organizations to work with volunteers, and to create innovations in volunteerism in the areas of recruitment, training and management.

Encourages Highly Skilled Professionals to Help Improve Global Health

- ***Expands the Volunteers for Prosperity program which encourages highly skilled professionals to serve internationally in targeted areas of need such as global health.***

Establishes Call to Service Campaigns

- Includes a Call to Service Campaign to launch a national campaign encouraging all Americans to engage in service and to observe September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Recognizes and Supports Colleges and Universities Engaged in Service

- Establishes the Campuses of Service to support and recognize institutions of higher education with exemplary service-learning programs and assists students in the pursuit of public service careers.

H. Res. 279 – Funding for Expenses of Committees in 111th Congress

H. Res. 279 authorizes for funding all of the standing and select committees except the Committee on Appropriations through the 111th Congress.

- The funds have already been appropriated – this resolution just allocates the money and authorizes the expenditure.
- The total increase in 2009 is **less than 5%**
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 - This is the **minimum** increase needed to cover inflationary costs
- Authorizes **\$12 Million less** than requested
 - Constrains resources to the greatest degree possible
- Those individual Committees receiving more than 5% have **dramatically increased responsibilities** in the 111th Congress
 - Carrying the heaviest legislative load
 - Economy, Energy, Healthcare
 - Increased oversight responsibilities
 - Economic Recovery, TARP, etc.
 - Ethics
- Improves **transparency** and **accountability**
 - Requires an annual review process to ensure responsible use of funds
 - Requires monthly activity and expense reports to be made available online
- Budget requests had **Bipartisan Support** in Committees
 - Ranking members co-sponsored or approved of budget requests for millions of dollars more.

Quote of the Day

“Never limit yourself because of others’ limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination.”

- Mae Jemison

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